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**22<sup>nd</sup> September 2003**

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**HIGHWAYS CAPITAL SPEND 2003/4**

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**Report of the Service Director of Highways and Transportation**

**1. Purpose of Report**

This report seeks Cabinet approval of expenditure from the City Council Capital Budget 2003/4.

**2. Summary**

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**3. Recommendations**

It is recommended that:

1. Cabinet approve the expenditure of £300,000 on Local Environmental Works and £100,000 on Highway Maintenance from the City Council's 2003/4 Capital Budget.

**4. Financial and Legal Implications**

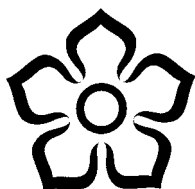
There are no legal implications (contact Anthony Cross) and the £400,000 is included in the 2003/4 City Council Capital Programme (contact Kate McGee).

**5. Report Author/ Officer to Contact.**

Alan Adcock. Head of Highway Management.  
Extension: 6540

**DECISION STATUS**

<b>Key Decision</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Reason</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Appeared in Forward Plan</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Executive or Council Decision</b>	<b>Executive (Cabinet)</b>



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**SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

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It is recommended that:

1. Cabinet approve the expenditure of £300,000 on Local Environmental Works and £100,000 on Highway Maintenance from the City Council's 2003/4 Capital Budget.

**4. Report**

**4.1** The budget for Local Environmental Works (LEW) is designed to cover a wide range of environmental works around the City, addressing a number of problems, needs and opportunities. These have in previous years included provision of a broad range of works such as: Laybys, Untidy land, Environmental Improvements, Bus shelters, Signing, Verge Parking, Unauthorised encampments and Lighting Improvements.

Work on such projects, prior to 2000/1, had been carried out on a piecemeal basis, with identified projects being included on ever enlarging lists. The budget for carrying out this work was increased in 2000/01 and it provided an opportunity to take a fresh approach. As an alternative to the “scatter gun” approach that did not provide sufficient impact in an area, it was decided that part of the funding would be spent in particular areas which would benefit from a more intensive approach (Priority Areas).

**4.2** The principle of Priority Areas was approved at the August 2000 meeting of Environment Committee and at the June 2000 meeting of Planning and Transportation Committee. Following that decision, an all party meeting of members was held to consider the order of priority. Following that meeting, the Lead Members for Environment and Highways and Transportation confirmed the proposal to make New Parks the first Priority Area, for the second Priority Area to be shared equally between Eyres Monsell and Mowmacre, and for the next Priority Area to be Saffron (now Freeman). Each Priority Area would be allocated £250,000 for the works and schemes are agreed only after consultation with local Members, residents and other members of the Community. It was also intended that if sufficient funds were available that money would also be spent on other Citywide schemes. Schemes completed from the LEW programme in 2002/3 are shown in Appendix A

**4.3** In the 2003/4 City Council Capital Programme there is £300,000 budgeted to Local Environmental Works (LEW). There are also additional funds of £109,600 from the E, R & D Revenue Budget and there is also slippage of £168,000 from the 2002/3 LEW budget that has already been partially committed to some schemes that are currently being constructed. The total budget for 2003/4 is therefore £577,600.

**4.4** It is proposed that the £577,600 allocation should be spend as follows:

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|----|--|----------|
| a) | Local Environmental Works in Eyres Monsell<br>(This will complete the expenditure in Eyres Monsell)            | £95,000  |
| b) | Local Environmental Works in Mowmacre<br>(This will complete the expenditure in Mowmacre)                      | £100,000 |
| c) | Local Environmental Works in Freeman<br>(It is proposed that £125,000 will be spent in both 2003/4 and 2004/5) | £125,000 |
| d) | Citywide Works   |          |
|    | - Laybys (from Priority List)  | £ 97,600 |
|    | City Centre  | £ 40,000 |
|    | Verge Hardening  | £ 70,000 |
|    | Untidy Land  | £ 25,000 |
|    | Access Grants  | £ 25,000 |

Details of individual work programmes would depend on previous commitments and would be determined following consultation with local Members, residents and other members of the community.

- 4.5** There were no comments made on the proposed programme of LEW works for 2003/4 at the H & T Scrutiny Committee meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> August 2003. However Committee members agreed that this type of targeted environmental work was beneficial for local residents and that the programme should continue after 2003/4. There is currently £125,000 committed for LEW in Freeman ward in 2004/5 but the programme then finishes.
- 4.6** In addition £100,000 is budgeted in the City Council Capital Programme 2003/4 for Highway Maintenance. It is proposed that this will be spent on Hot Rolled Asphalt repairs to carriageways at various locations throughout the City in order to improve the road condition BVPIs 96 and 97a.
- 4.7** It is therefore recommended that Cabinet approve the proposed allocations from the Capital Programme (2003/4) of £300,000 for Local Environmental Works and £100,000 for Highway Maintenance.

**5. Financial Implications**

The £400,000 is included in the City Council's 2003/4 Capital Programme (contact: Kate McGee, E, R&D Finance).

**6. Legal Implications**

There are no legal implications of this report (contact Anthony Cross, Legal Services).

**7. Other Implications**

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	Paragraph Within Supporting information	References
Equal Opportunities	No	-	
Policy	No	-	
Sustainable and Environmental	Yes	para 1.2	
Crime and Disorder	No	-	
Human Rights Act	No	-	
Elderly/people on Low Income	No	-	

**8. Background Papers - Local Government Act 1972**

Cabinet Report - 20 May 2002 'City Centre and Other Environmental Improvements'

Cabinet Minute 218 - Budget Strategy 2002/03 to 2004/5 (5/4/02).

Members Working Group on Highways and Transportation 27 August 2002

Cabinet Report – 18 November 2002 'Capital Spend 2002/3'

Highways and Transportation Scrutiny Committee –13 August 2003  
'City Council Capital Spend 2003/4'

**9. Consultations**

There have been consultations within the Environment, Regeneration and Development Department, with Legal Services and with appropriate local members, housing managers and residents.

**10. Report Author/Officer to contact**

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## APPENDIX A

Schemes constructed in 2002/3:

1. Mowmacre: Layby - Marwood Road (outside Shops 8-34)  
Parking Area – Billington Close  
Parking Area – Modbury Avenue
2. Eyres Monsell: Layby –Sturdee Road (o/s St Hughes Church)  
Laybys –The Slade Greens  
Layby - Pawley Gardens  
Layby – Woburn Close
3. New Parks: Layby – Falconer Crescent (o/s12-18)  
Layby – Chadwell Road (o/s 62-76)  
Layby – Brighthurst Road (o/s 36-46)  
Layby – Sacheverel Road (o/s 13-37)  
Parking Area – Heays Close
4. Citywide: Layby - Aikman Close (WP)  
Layby – Phoenix Close (WP)  
Layby – Falconer Crescent (NP)  
Layby – Sponne Rise (SF)  
Layby - Rona Gardens (TC)  
Layby – Heather Road (WK)  
Layby – Fullhurst Avenue (RF)  
Verge Hardening – Greenacre Drive (EV)  
Verge Hardening – Groby Road (NP)  
Verge Hardening – Curtleys Close (RF)  
Verge Hardening – Spencefield Lane (EV)  
Verge Hardening – Marwood Road (MM)  
Verge Hardening – Belton Close (SF)  
Verge Hardening – Caldecote Road (RF)  
Untidy land – Welford Road/Counting Hose Road (CA)  
Untidy land – St Margarets Way (AB)  
Untidy land – Wharf Street South (CA)  
Untidy land – Calais Hill (CA)